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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Takamori, et al

Serial No.: 10/002,952

Examiner: M. J. Angebranndt

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Group Art Unit: 1756

For: Optical Data Recording Medium

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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Applicants are in receipt of the Final Office Action dated May 20, 2004 and request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks filed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.